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INFORMATION REPORT

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The 5 Engineer Battalion

1. As of May 1949, the 5 Engineer Battalion, [redacted] located in Ruse, consisted of two companies each composed of two platoons of four squads. The complement of the battalion was approximately 130 (sic). 25X1

2. [redacted] the following officers in 5 Engineer Battalion: 25X1

a. Captain Toshev, battalion commander, [redacted] 25X1

b. Captain Gabrovski, commander of 1 Company, 5 Engineer Battalion, [redacted]

3. Training in 5 Engineer Battalion consisted of the following:

a. Two hours of close order drill per week; 25X1

b. Daily theoretical training in passing through barbed wire entanglements, antitank and antipersonnel mine fields, and construction of pontoon bridges; and

c. Training in the parts and use of weapons three days per week.

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No field training was given during basic training.

4. In September 1949, the 5 Battalion took part in maneuvers between Ruse and Razgrad, and was commended for its performance.

Infantry Regiment, [redacted]

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5. An [redacted] infantry regiment, [redacted] located in Zvezdets, was organized in May 1950. Forty men from 31 Infantry Regiment and 40 men from 19 Infantry Regiment were transferred to this newly organized regiment. The personnel was assembled at Burgas and billeted in barracks of 24 Infantry Regiment, which, at the time, was encamped at Krushevo (N 42-33, E 27-05), Burgas okoliya. After the regiment was organized, it moved to the encampment of 24 Infantry Regiment at Krushevo and stayed there until October 1950, when it moved into new permanent barracks in Zvezdets. At that time the complement of this regiment was approximately 200 (sic).

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6. [redacted] the following personnel in the infantry regiment [redacted]

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- a. Lieutenant Colonel Markov, regimental commander, [redacted]

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- b. First Lieutenant Ivanov Spasov, commander of the engineer platoon of the communications company (sic); [redacted]

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- c. Sergeant Danyu Dinev, assistant commander of engineer platoon of the communications company (sic); [redacted]

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7. The infantry regiment [redacted] was equipped with the following:

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- a. Vintovka rifles;
- b. Horse-drawn guns;
- c. Two trucks;
- d. One automobile; and
- e. Seven or eight wagons.

8. A garrison located in the northeastern outskirts of Zvezdets and covering approximately 100 decares of land surrounded by barbed wire, includes the following buildings:

- a. One 3-story barracks, 40 by 10 meters in size;
- b. One 3-story barracks, 50 by 10 meters in size;
- c. One 2-story barracks, 30 by 10 meters in size, housing the regimental artillery;
- d. Two 2-story billets for officers;
- e. A bakery;
- f. A three-car garage;

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g. Several small buildings [redacted] 25X1

h. Two ammunition and weapons depots, 10 by 5 meters in size; in the autumn of 1950, five truckloads of weapons were brought to these depots; and

i. A radio station located in the garrison yard, with an antenna two meters high, topped by three rods.

9. The regiment [redacted] did not remain in Zvezdets, but was sent to the hills around Malko Turnovo to build earthworks which were completed in October or November of 1950. 25X1

Engineer Battalion, [redacted] 25X1

10. An engineer battalion, [redacted] located in Burgas, was allegedly organized in the autumn of 1950. The battalion was composed of two engineer companies each including two platoons of three squads. Between December 1950 and April 1951, the battalion had approximately 130 officers and men. Commander of the battalion was Senior First Lieutenant Kurtov, [redacted] 25X1

11. The engineer battalion was equipped as follows:

- a. Vintovka rifles;
- b. Round, metal antitank mines containing five kilograms of explosives;
- c. Wooden antipersonnel mines containing 200 grams of explosives; and
- d. General type wooden mines containing five kilograms of explosives.

The battalion had no vehicles other than three horse-drawn wagons. It was equipped with one mine detecting instrument in the shape of a box, 40 by 30 by 20 centimeters in size, and including receivers, a handle two meters in length, and a round magnet 30 or 35 centimeters in diameter.

12. The engineer battalion used a portion of the barracks of 24 Infantry Regiment, on the northeastern side of Burgas. There were three barracks buildings, 50 by 10 meters in size, two of them being occupied by 24 Infantry Regiment and one by the engineer battalion, [redacted]. Arms and supply depots consisted of three buildings located in the vicinity of the sea. One of these buildings measured 12 by 10 meters in size, and the other two were 6 by 4 meters in size. The depots belonged to 24 Infantry Regiment and were guarded day and night by two soldiers. A bridge equipment depot belonging to the engineer battalion, was located approximately 100 meters west of the Burgas Harbor, and 100 meters south of the station building. This depot, guarded at night by three guards, contained six rubber pontoon boats, one 4 by 1.2 meters in size, and the other five two by one meters in size. 25X1

13. Two 200 to 250 mm. coastal defense guns are located near 24 Infantry Regiment barracks in the northeast section of Burgas. These guns are in an open area and face the sea. They are always under guard by one or two soldiers wearing black collar insignia. In the vicinity of these two guns, there are concrete gun shelters and ammunition dumps.

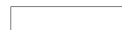
14. [redacted] the following additional military personnel: 25X1

a. Senior First Lieutenant Stoil Ivanov Stoilov, [redacted] 25X1

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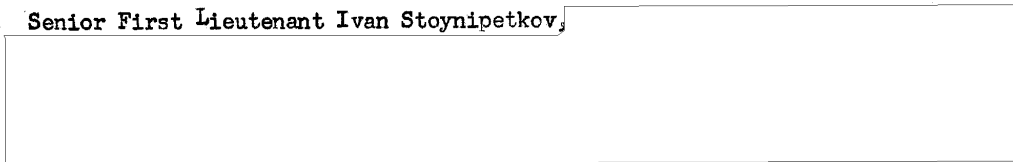


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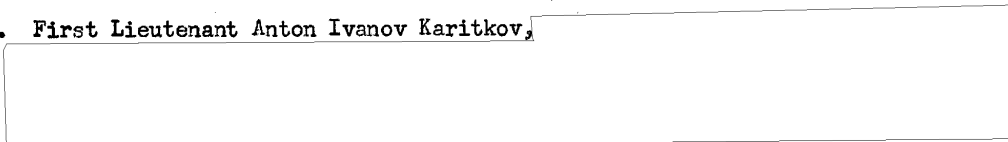
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b. Senior First Lieutenant Ivan Stoynipetkov,



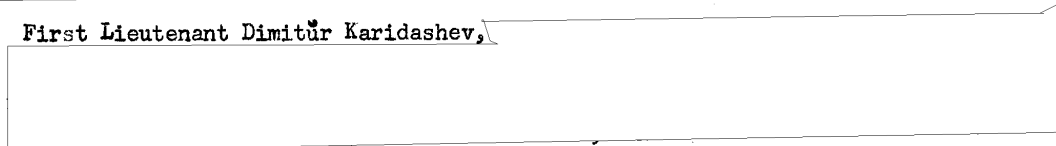
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c. First Lieutenant Anton Ivanov Karitkov,



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d. First Lieutenant Dimităr Karidashev,



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e. First Lieutenant Georgi Pachev,



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